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FAIL TO MEET 1950 BUILDING PLAN; BUILDING MACHINE INDUSTRY ACTIVE

GOALS ACHIEVED 95 PERCENT -- Prague, Lidove Noviny, 31 Jan 51

The building plan for 1950 was fulfilled only 95 percent. This was due in part to the failure to utilize fully all available machinery and to learn from the experience of outstandingly successful projects. Organization and planning were also, in many respects, faulty. However, in comparison with 1949, building increased 37 percent. A total of 1,844 structures for factory and various production purposes were erected, constituting a 172-percent gain over the previous year. Altogether, 22,000 dwellings were completed, representing a 27-percent increase over 1949. Finally, 340 Youth Centers were built during the year.

BUILDING INDUSTRY MECHANIZES -- Prague, Hospodar, 16 Nov 50

The production of building machinery, with the exceptions of heavy earthmoving machines, is now concentrated in the Stavostroj state enterprise. This, with its seven branches, is under the Czechoslovak light metalworking industry. Stavostroj has had great difficulties in securing competent and experienced personnel, since the country's technical schools have heretofore neglected this phase of industrial production. Now, however, the Brno Technical Institute is devoting attention to the subject.

Although still in the developmental stage, the Czechoslovak building machine industry can compare, in some respects, with its counterpart in many foreign countries. This is especially true of the manufacture of prefabricated parts machines, plastering and filling machines, and pneumatic hammers.

Stavostroj is also producing large concrete mixers, stationary and movable, with hourly capacities of from 10 to 160 cubic meters.

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The building machine enterprise is devoting considerable attention to the production of plastering machines. This year it began to turn out Kramartype machines in large quantities. However, Stavostroj by experimenting with seven existing types intends to develop a new type of plastering machine for mass production.

Heavy industry is also doing its part by turning out earth-moving equipment. Important in this respect, is the bulldozer. Specialists are working on a new type of bulldozer which will load soil on a tractor trailer. Scrapers are also being produced. Finally, heavy industry is turning out various types of excavators (mounted on wheels, caterpillar tracks, and amphibian) and loading apparatus, as well as various types of dump cars.

NEW CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL DEVELOPED -- Bratislava, Lud, 6 Jan 51

A new building material, called "pyroc," has recently been developed. Made from lime, cement, and vermiculite, the new substance combines very well with wood and metals. It is well insulated, and it absorbs moisture, so that the dewlike condensations seen on buildings after rains will not appear. The new substance can be cut with an ordinary saw and repairs on it can be made with a spray gun. Pyroc can be employed with wire mesh up to 20 centimeters, and may be used in building the outside walls of structures.

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